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Subject: Fw: End of Day--May 8, 2013

Brea grant near Birch hills

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Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 5:06:59 PM
To: Keener, Bill; Gaudario, Abigail; Barkett, Bonnie; Maier, Brent; Higuchi, Dean; Reyes, Deldi; DIAMOND, JANE; Blumenfeld, Jared; Jordan, Deborah; Anderson, Julie; Johnson, Kathleen; Manzanilla, Enrique; PerezSullivan, Margot; sun, nelly; Glosson, Niloufar; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Scott, Jeff; John, Steven; Strauss, Alexis; Ryerson.Teddy; McCullough, Thomas; Glenn, William; Hudnall, Patricia; Lindsay, Nancy; Barhite, Steven; Zito, Kelly; Miller, Amy; Ardito, Michael; Heller, Zoe; Ford, Margaret; Gullatt, Kristin; Henderson, Alita; COHEN, Deborra; Blazej, Nova; Pratt, Kristen; Marincola, JamesPaul; Woo, Nancy; Kemmerer, John; Meltzer, Kathy; Plenys, Thomas; Hanf, Lisa; Yogi, David; Tenley, Clancy; Meer, Daniel; Salyer, Kathleen; Montgomery, Michael; Mogharabi, Nahal
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MEDIA

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Associated Press: Reporter Justin Pritchard has questions regarding an EPA grant to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe in western Nevada and the disallowing of funds under GAP grants. CLOSED. Rusty Harris-Bishop

Los Angeles Times: Reporter, Jessica Garrison, requested information about lead nonattainment areas across the country. Referred to Molly Hooven (HQ). CLOSED. David Yogi.

Associated Press Hawaii: Reporter Audrey McAvoy called with basic background questions on our HQ amplified release on the Brownfields grant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. CLOSED, Dean Higuchi

USC Annenberg School of Journalism: Student Kristin Yinger is working on a story regarding PV Shelf. Sent along background information. Is looking to speak to someone about the legal side. Will speak to Taly tomorrow. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

Brownfields ARC Press Releases Issued:

- **██████████ Northern California: Two Grass Valley, Calif., groups awarded \$1 million in U.S. EPA Brownfields grants.**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/2dd7f669225439b78525735900400c31/4bfc74b383eeca985257b65>
. CLOSED. David Yogi/Nahal Mogharabi.

- **██████████ Southern California: U.S. EPA Awards City of Brea \$200,000 Brownfields Grant to Transform Former Railroad Tracks into Greenspace.**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/2dd7f669225439b78525735900400c31/a296bbe224a5452785257b6>
CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

- **██████████ Nevada: \$1 million given to Nye County, Nevada in U.S. EPA Brownfields grants to support site assessment and cleanup of toxics.**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/2dd7f669225439b78525735900400c31/7b75097af57c3f1885257b65>
CLOSED. Rusty Harris-Bishop/Dean Higuchi.

- **██████████ Hawaii: U.S. EPA awards \$400,000 in Brownfields assessment funds to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/2dd7f669225439b78525735900400c31/df183bd19089973785257b6>
CLOSED. Dean Higuchi.

WEB

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Social Media:

Public Service Recognition Week - Shared on Facebook and Twitter, Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe's [Blog Post about EPA Public Servants](#).

Web Updates:

Public Notices - Posted new public notice and comment item (Santa Cruz River- AZ) on the [Region 9 News and Events page](#).

9Online Updates:

RCRA/UST Lead Region - Posted new May 2 document to the [RCRA/UST Lead Region intranet site](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34): Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call with Brenda Vargas in the Congressman's district office regarding the Exide Technologies, Inc. lead smelter facility in Vernon, CA. Ms. Vargas was interested in a better understanding of the process is that the EPA takes when it finds that a company is violating regulations. Other Region IX participants for this call included Elizabeth Adams (AIR); Caleb Shaffer (WST); Doug McDaniel, Greg Gholson, Angela Baranco (ENF) and Nahal Mogharabi. We provided an overview of jurisdictional role that DTSC and South Coast AQMD and EPA's oversight role as well as an overview of the public databases ECHO and Envirofacts so that Ms. Vargas will be able to research the compliance and enforcement history for other facilities in the Congressman's District.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): OCIR's Raquel Snyder passed on an inquiry to Brent Maier from Felix Yeung in Sen. Feinstein's DC office following a recent EPA HQ announcement of 17 enforcement actions for violations of the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule (RRP), and whether there has been a history of violations of RRP in California. Brent spoke yesterday with Max Weintraub, who is our Lead-Based Paint Enforcement Coordinator in our Toxics Office, and he told me that our office does not have a history of recent enforcement actions in California of the RRP rule. Brent pass along to Mr. Yeung that in response to RRP tips and complaints, our office issues dozens of warning letters each year. Our office then adds the party that is the subject of the complaint to our list of potential inspection targets, and coordinate with local partners for follow up action. In addition, we are encouraging State and local jurisdictions to adopt the RRP requirements. California has not yet done so. The City of San Diego has adopted the RRP requirements and, during FY2012, issued 34 fines totaling \$12K for more than 250 violations. Mr. Yeung sent a short thank you message for the information that was provided.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA-33): Brent Maier was contacted by Aaron Wilensky of the Congressman's District Office regarding some recent news accounts of vanishing DDT at the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site. Brent reached out to Judy Huang, Philip Ramsey, and John Chesnut in our Superfund Division if needed for a conference call. Brent shared an

Environmental Health News article by Marla Cone (<http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/2013/vanishing-ddt>) and a prepared statement prepared by Nahal Mogharabi and our Superfund colleagues for interested news reporters. Brent talked with Mr. Wilensky and he appreciated the information shared and stated that he did not feel a follow up call was needed at this time.

Congressional Outreach on Region IX Brownfields Grant Announcements: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, and Dean Heller as well as Representatives Ed Royce, Doug Lamalfa, and Steven Horsford announcing Brownfields grants for Brea, CA; Grass Valley, CA; Yuba River Charter School in Grass Valley; and Nye County Nevada.

Merced County Association of Governments (CA)- Dean Higuchi covered a call for the Congressional Liaisons with Merced County and both EPA HQ and Regional staff on the Castle Community Center (former Castle AFB) site. The call was a basic fact finding call, where the County presented what they wanted to do with the site, which is finding a way to reuse some of the buildings or demo the unusable ones and dealing with contaminants such as asbestos. Additionally, the county is exploring the possibility of doing PV on an old landfill site, which Mike Montgomery of Superfund Div. was able to provide good insight into the repower program he's doing work on. The call was information sharing, with the county looking for funding possibilities for their projects and setting up continued discussion on moving forward.

Congressional Outreach on Region IX Brownfields Grant Announcements: Dean Higuchi shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of the Hawaii Delegation, Senators Hirono and Schatz, Representatives Hanabusa and Gabbard.

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